



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes February 17, 2015 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on February 17, 2015 at the Two Waters Building A, Lightning Room, 10061 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loring at approximately 11:42 a.m.

Chair Loring welcomed the Council and guests and proceeded with roll call.

Chair Loring introduced new member, Edith Eubank, to the council. Member Eubank shared the history of her work experience in early childhood education. Each Council member also introduced themselves and shared their background.

Let the record show that Member Harvier joined the meeting at 11:53 am.

Invocation

Invocation was led by Chair Loring.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Member Joyce Helmuth, Michelle Jameson, Deborah DeVolld, Toni Harvier, and Edith Eubank.

Members Absent

Members Bella Miller and Deana Washington.

Members of the Public

There were two members of the public present.

Call to the Public

There was no Call to the Public.

Consent Agenda

Vice Chair McIntier moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2014 with a correction in the Regional Director Updates regarding the open Council seats. Philanthropy seat was corrected to Parent seat. Member Helmuth seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0.

Review of Grantee Financial and Narrative Reports

Regional Director Vinarskai reviewed the Financial and Narrative reports with the Council. She described the meaning of the headings on the Contract Detail Report and gave a summary of the strategies. The three agreements with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are Food Security, Parent Education Community-Based Training and Summer Transition to Kindergarten.

- Food Security Strategy-Level of spending appears low. A new food program coordinator within the Tribe will bring the report up to date at the next reporting cycle.



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- Native Language Preservation Strategy- No expenditures have been used. The contract was not renewed for SFY2016.
- Parent Education Community-Based Training Strategy-The expenditure for this award is now at 75% expended.
- Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy-These funds are used to pay the speakers at the Parent Conference to be held in March and will show expenditure next month.
- Scholarships TEACH Strategy-This strategy currently has no expenditures and will not be funded in SFY2016 due to other statewide resources used before pulling from regional funds.
- Summer Transition to Kindergarten Strategy-This program will take place in June. The balance of the allotment will be expended at that time.

Director Vinarskai reviewed the Parent Education Community-Based Training narrative report. The provider, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, has three parenting classes and the report gives details of each program's topics covered in class, collaboration efforts, staff training, and the source of referral into the program.

Summer Transition to Kindergarten will not have a narrative report until after June. Food Security narrative report will be updated in the next quarter.

2016 Funding Plan

Director Vinarskai reminded the Council that the SFY2016 Funding Plan was approved by the First Things First Board and the fiscal year runs from July through June. She recapped the Funding Plan Summary from 2013 through 2015 including the allotted, awarded and expended dollar amounts as well as the Target Service Units for all strategies. Duplicated and unduplicated Target Service Units was explained and the difference between funded and unfunded strategies was clarified.

The Council's Regional Priorities and School Readiness Indicators were reviewed. Director Vinarskai also reviewed the unfunded strategy which is Home Visitation Program Coordination. Vice Chair McIntier and Member Devold attended meetings with the Tribal Education Department to discuss the implementation of a central intake. At this time, the plans for this are on hold but later may be added to the Family Resource Center Strategy. Director Vinarskai provided an overview of the 2016 budget and strategies.

The Council will revisit the Funding Plan for 2017 and have the opportunity to make adjustments if needed.

Family Resource Center Strategy Discussion

Director Vinarskai reviewed the new Family Resource Center strategy with the Regional Council. The main core service to be provided will be Community Referral Services. Two optional core service areas are Parenting Skills Development and Support Services, and Linkages to Key Services Through Family Navigators. The amount of money allocated to this strategy is \$51,603. Any additional cost of funding this strategy will be shared by collaborating with the Tribe.

A subcommittee was formed to conduct planning meetings to implement this strategy and report back to the Council. Vice Chair McIntier and Member Helmuth volunteered to be on the Subcommittee. A Tribal department representative will also be asked to join the subcommittee. Other Regional Council members could be called upon for their input and other ideas.

Regional Director's Updates

- Food Security is a new contract agreement 2016. Parent Education Community-Based Training and Summer Transition to Kindergarten are renewals. The Council will vote on the new contract and renewals at the April meeting.



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- The Family Resource Centers strategy is slated to start in July but more time will be needed for planning the start up.
- Parent and Faith Council seats are vacant. Send recommendations to Director Vinarskai.
- New Council Member training will be held on February 18th for Member Eubank.
- No meeting in March.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

Vice Chair McIntier gave the Council an update on the Parent Conference being held on March 18th. She also informed the Council about the Annual Education Fair to be held on March 3 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Vice Chair McIntier and Member Devolld will be at the First Things First table. Director Vinarskai will provide First Things First brochures and giveaways for these events.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Loring at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2015

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

Virginia Loring, Chair